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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
February 11, 2011; 9 a.m.
St. Mary's Hall Room 113B

Present: Paul Benson, Corinne Daprano, George Doyle, Heidi Gauder, Judith Huacuja, Antonio Mari, Leno Pedrotti, Carolyn Roecker Phelps, Joseph Saliba, Andrea Seielstad, Katie Trempe, Rebecca Wells

Absent: None

Guests: James Farrelly

Opening Meditation: Paul Benson opened the meeting with meditation

Minutes: The minutes of the February 4, 2011 meeting were approved

Announcements

The next meeting of the Academic Senate is scheduled for February 18, 2011, in the KU Ballroom at 3:00pm.

Old Business:

Review Senate Voting Rights Proposal. J. Huacuja reviewed several minor changes made to the Senate Voting Rights Proposal. Section 5.0 Implementation was inserted by J. Huacuja in order to describe the timeline for implementing the proposal if it gains Senate approval. In addition, the order of the 4.0 Proposals was switched so that 4.1 Concerning the Associate Provost & Dean of GPCE will now be labeled 4.2 and 4.2 Concerning the Dean of University Libraries will be labeled 4.1. Section 6.0 Further recommendations will be retained as is and not moved.

Review of draft Senate agenda for February 18, 2011. J. Huacuja reviewed the agenda for the Feb. 18, 2011 Academic Senate meeting. She will ask J. Dunne to present the Senate Voting Rights Proposal, Document I-11-01 to the Senate.

New Business:

Senate Representation on Human Resources Advisory Board. R. Wells will report back to ECAS at the February 18, 2011 meeting whether or not there should be Senate representation on the Board.

G. Doyle who is currently the Board indicated that several issues were discussed at their last meeting. There was some discussion of the holiday calendar and the potential for implementing a smoke free policy on campus.

Student nominee for General Education Committee. ECAS confirmed the nomination of Ashley Bohr as a student member on the General Education Committee.

Nominees to CAP & Competencies Committee. J. Huacuja opened a discussion of a list of possible nominees to the CAP & Competencies Committee as well as the CAP Leadership Team. It was noted that the list of nominees for the CAP & Competencies Committee included one representative from APC and 3 representatives from the Academic Senate.

Discussion focused on the process used to chose the list of nominees. J. Huacuja clarified that the Senate CAP document does not require faculty nominees to be full time faculty. In addition, nominees to the CAP & Competencies Committee are to be appointed by ECAS. Nominees to the CAP Leadership Team are to be selected by the APC.

A. Mari suggested that a Marianist representative be nominated to the CAP & Competencies committee as an ex-officio member. Although the Senate document does not call for this ECAS members agreed that it was a good idea. Provost Saliba volunteered to check with Fr. Joseph Kozar to see if he would be willing and able to serve on the committee.

J. Farrelly questioned the process for nominations to these committees. It appears that in some instances names were forwarded to the Deans from department chairs without an open call for nominations. However, J. Huacuja reminded ECAS members that this process was shared with ECAS via email correspondence (January 5) and at the January 14 ECAS meeting. The Deans then made selections from those lists of nominees and forwarded their selections to the APC. J. Huacuja indicated that she, J. Hess, S. Hunley, D. Pair, and D. Bickford met to review the Deans' nominees before the list was forwarded to ECAS. The group requested several changes to the original list of nominees

R. Wells questioned how extensively the Senate CAP document outlined the nomination process. J. Huacuja read the relevant passage from the Senate CAP document indicating that there was no guidance given on the nomination process.

J. Huacuja asked whether or not the UNRC should put out an open call for faculty nominees. If so, should there be required qualifications for these nominees? There was concern from ECAS members that restarting the nomination process would prevent ECAS from meeting the March 1 deadline for finalizing the members of the committees.

J. Huacuja agreed to ask the UNRC to issue a call for open nominations (and self nominations) to these two CAP committees. Nominations should be submitted to the UNRC by February 25, 2011. This expanded list of nominees would then be submitted to each respective Dean. Each Dean would then select their unit representatives for these two committees.

ECAS members roundly rejected the idea that the UNRC should conduct an election to select members for these committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Daprano